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Expert opinion regarding the introduction of water meters in the Madras City Municipal Act Amending Bill.

* 663 *Q.*—Mr. C. Basu Dev: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) with regard to the proposal in the Madras City Municipal Act Amending Bill whether any expert was consulted about the wholesale introduction of water meters in the City of Madras; if so, who he is and what his opinion is;

(*b*) what the probable total cost is of supplying meters in Madras and what the expected revenue is to the Corporation of Madras consequent upon such introduction;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that in Madras there are varying levels affecting the flow of water;

(*d*) whether the Government have ascertained the effect of the rate of the flow of water upon the recording of water meters;

(*e*) whether the Government have considered any proposal to increase the water-supply to Madras by increasing the catchment area of the Red Hills tank; and

(*f*) what the probable cost is of such increase of the catchment area?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The total cost of purchasing and fixing meters is Rs. 7,20,000 and the *net* revenue expected from them after deducting annuity and sinking fund charges and charges for repairs, maintenance, etc., is Rs. 2,34,000.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Government have no information.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Does not arise.

Appointment of the staff for the preparation of plans and estimates relating to the Salem drinking water-supply scheme.

* 664 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the staff for the preparation of plans and estimates in connexion with the drinking water-supply to Salem town from the Mettur Reservoir, has been appointed, and if so, when;

(*b*) how many persons the staff consists of; and

(*c*) at what stage the work now is and when it is likely to be finished and brought ready for launching the scheme?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The Government have already issued orders sanctioning the employment of the following special staff for the preparation of plans and estimates for the Salem Water-Supply Scheme:—

One draughtsman for nine months at Rs. 90 a month.

Two draughtsmen for nine months at Rs. 50 a month each.

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One tracer for six months at Rs. 28 a month plus Rs. 2-8-0 Presidency allowance.
One typist for one month at Rs. 30 a month plus Rs. 6-8-0 Presidency allowance.
No staff has however been actually appointed pending the selection of suitable candidates by the Madras Services Commission.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I ask when the order sanctioning the appointments was passed? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I cannot give the exact date. It was a couple of months back."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I know in what stage the preparation of the plans and estimates is? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" There has been no further progress, because, as far as I can recollect, the required staff has not yet been appointed."

Education

Appointment of Physical Directors as per recommendations of the Beasley Committee and the Champion Committee.

* 665 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Physical Directors recommended to be appointed by the Beasley Committee and the Champion Committee on Physical Education; and

(*b*) the number of full-time officers now in charge of Physical Education work, the duties assigned to them and in the schools visited by them in a year?

A.—(*a*) The reference is apparently to the staff for supervision. The Beasley Committee recommended the employment of five or six Physical Directors for the Presidency while the Champion Committee suggested the employment of one Physical Director for every two districts.

(*b*) There is only one full-time officer, the Assistant Physical Director. His work has not been defined in any Government Order. The number of schools visited by this officer in the year 1934–35 was 63.

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask the Hon. the Minister for Education whether the Governmnt have any proposal to give a separate grant for equipments for games and for physical culture in schools? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" There is no such proposal under consideration now."